

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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SELECTION OF RETAIL OUTLETS OF PETROL PUMPS

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government has decided to revise the selection process of retail outlets of petrol pumps and allot the same through lotteries;
- (b): if so the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c): whether the Government has also decided to give 27 percent reservation to the Other Backward Class (OBC) candidates in allotment of retails outlet dealerships;
- (d): if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps being taken to give reservation also to the weaker sections of the Minority Communities; and
- (e): the number of retail outlets allotted to SCs/STs and OBCs till date, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The allotment of new retail outlet (RO) dealership will be made by draw of lots with a view to improve transparency and remove discretion in the selection process.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) No separate reservation will be provided for weaker sections of the Minority Communities.
- (e) The details of retail outlets allotted to SCs/ STs till date, State/UT-wise are given in Annexure-I. Reservation for OBCs has only been introduced w.e.f. July 2012.